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Wholesale Grocers.

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Christiansburg, Va.

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Mr S. A. Preston

Dear Sir

I don't

like to lay complaint w.s. the
 Mint of the U.S. but think you
 made a mistake. I had the
 Gold weighed here by Thompson
 Hagan & Co & it weighed 1814
 grains - you have it about $3\frac{1}{4}$ of an
 once short & I weighed it also
 two ways. weighed $4\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. then took
 a \$5.00 Gold piece & balanced it
 with Gold dust 15 times strong weight,
 which would make $\$7.50$ & I
 paid 80⁰ for seal for it & cost
 me $\$60.36$ cash & any buyer in
 the city pay 80⁰ for seal & I know

they got a profit. as a middle man
 I expected any how 75⁰⁰ or
 80⁰⁰ for th. If you had paid
 me \$20.67 for my iron caught &
 I have more gold & had better
 sell to men - If you can't do
 better for me. You have gotten it
 mixed with other gold or some way -
 You surely will not let me lose
 that. I can prove weights & measures
 & them if required.

R. P. G.

Christiansburg, Va., Aaron Graham
 Oct-5-1894

Aaron Graham

Complaint of insufficient
 returns for gold

Recd. Oct-8, 1894

[Abstract:] Complains of insufficient returns for gold.

Johnson & Graham,
Wholesale Grocers.
Christiansburg, Va.
October 5, 1894

Mr. S.A. Preston

Dear Sir

I don't like to day complaint v.s. the Mint of the U.S. but think you made a mistake I had the gold weighed here by Thompson Stagan & Co. & it weighed 1814 grains. You have it about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an ounce short. I weighed it also two ways. Weighed 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz is, then told a \$5.00 gold piece & balanced it with gold dart 15 times strong weight which would make \$25.00 & I paid 80 cent for Dwt. for it & cost me \$60.36 cash & any buyer in the city pay 80 cents for Dwt & I know they get a profit as a middle man. I expected any how 75.00 or 80.00 for it. If you had paid me \$20.67 per oz. Troy weighted – I have more gold & had little sell to middle men. If you can't do better for me, you have gotten it mixed with other gold or some way. You surely will not let me lose that I can prove weights & swear to them of required.

Respt.
Aaron Graham